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Visit www.lehi-ut.gov/government/election-information; call or email Marilyn Banasky, City Recorder, at 385.201.2254 or mbanasky@lehi-ut.gov.

VOTE BY MAIL

Lehi City will be using all Vote By Mail (VBM) for the general municipal election. Ballots will be mailed October 5, 2015, and must be postmarked no later than November 2, 2015, in order for votes to be counted. Lehi City will pay the return postage. Just complete the ballot, sign the affidavit on the envelope and drop the envelope in the mail.

Registered voters may also submit the ballot in person at City Hall Monday-Thursday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Ballots must be turned in no later than Tuesday, November 3, at 8 p.m.

POLLING CENTER

Lehi City will not be holding early voting and there will not be polling locations throughout the city on election day. There will be, however, a Polling Center located at City Hall (153 North 100 East) on election day. Registered voters may drop off their ballot or surrender their ballot and vote in person between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on election day.

REGISTER TO VOTE

Residents who are not registered to vote may register in one of the following ways:

1. Mail a registration form to the Utah County Clerk's Office (**Deadline: October 5, 2015**)
2. Register in person at the Utah County Clerk's Office, located at 100 East Center Street, Room 3100, Provo, UT (**Deadline: October 26, 2015**)
3. Register to vote online at vote.utah.gov (**Deadline: October 27, 2015**)

For more information about voter registration, visit vote.utah.gov.

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Mail in your ballot by November 2, or vote in person on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

NOVEMBER 3, 2015
GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

**OPEN FOR IMPORTANT
INFORMATION REGARDING
THE PROPOSED**

**RECREATION, ARTS, & PARKS
(RAP) TAX**

PROPOSITION #3

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TITLE

LEHI CITY PROPOSAL TO ENACT A .1% RECREATION, ARTS AND PARK ("RAP") SALES AND USE TAX TO FUND CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, AND ZOOLOGICAL FACILITIES, AND BOTANICAL, CULTURAL, AND ZOOLOGICAL ORGANIZATIONS.

PROPOSITION #3

Shall Lehi City, Utah, be authorized to impose a 0.1% sales and use tax (1 cent on every \$10 spent) for the purpose of funding cultural, recreational, and zoological facilities, and botanical, cultural, and zoological organizations within Lehi City?

Funding may be used for the following purposes:

1. Publicly owned or operated parks, campgrounds, golf courses, playgrounds, athletic fields, gymnasiums, swimming pools, and trails, or other facilities used for recreational purposes; and
2. Non-profit organizations and institutions, and municipal cultural councils having as a primary purpose the advancement and preservation of natural history, art, music, theater, dance, or cultural arts; and
3. Non-profit organizations and institutions having as a primary purpose the advancement and preservation of plant science or zoology through display, research, exhibition, and community education.

VOTE FOR ONE:

_____ "FOR" THE RAP TAX

_____ "AGAINST" THE RAP TAX

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE RAP TAX

ARGUMENTS FOR THE RAP TAX

The Lehi City Recreation, Arts, and Parks ("RAP") tax allows a 1/10th of 1% increase in sales tax to help fund projects and organizations that improve the quality of life for Lehi residents. Although it is only the equivalent of one cent for every ten dollars of sales tax paid in Lehi, it is estimated to bring in over \$7 million dollars within a 10-year period. Salt Lake County adopted the RAP tax over 10 years ago, and neighboring cities, such as American Fork and Orem, are also benefiting from the RAP tax. Why not Lehi City?

Specific arguments in favor of the RAP tax include:

- 100% of the RAP funds are devoted to projects that benefit Lehi City.
- RAP funds are used for projects relating to recreational projects such as public parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, golf courses, gymnasiums, swimming pools, trail systems, or other facilities used for recreational purposes
- RAP funds are also used for projects related to cultural amenities like museums, theaters, art centers, and music halls, or art disciplines such as the performing arts, visual arts, literary arts, historic preservation, and more.
- Botanical and zoological organizations, as well as public zoological facilities, are also eligible for RAP funds.
- RAP funds could be used to replenish deficits identified by a recent Parks Master Plan update, which found that Lehi needs an additional 247 acres of parks, 5 baseball/

softball diamonds, and 6 soccer/football fields.

- Since neighboring communities already have a RAP tax, Lehi voters can level the playing field by providing an equitable way to collect revenue.
- Lehi is an economic center with many non-Lehi residents shopping at Traverse Mountain and Thanksgiving Point, not to mention Lehi's many restaurants, stores, and gas stations, all of which contribute to the RAP funds that benefit Lehi residents.
- The RAP fund is a dedicated funding source that will allow other general city revenues to be used for critical infrastructure needs such as road maintenance and construction, snow removal, etc.

As residents know, Lehi City is recognized for its great quality of life. However, Lehi's residential and commercial population is rapidly increasing, and so is the demand for sport's parks, recreational open space, cultural arts, and much more. The RAP tax will help ensure the growth and sustainability of these demands, and provide rich experiences and opportunities for residents and visitors for years to come. Vote yes for the RAP tax on November 3.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE RAP TAX

No arguments against the RAP Tax were submitted.

The arguments for or against a ballot proposition are the opinions of the authors.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the RAP Tax?

The RAP Tax is a 1/10th of 1% sales tax. It does not apply to most food items, it is not a property tax, and it is not permanent. On a qualifying \$100 purchase, it would be 10 cents, and on a \$1,000 purchase, it would be \$1.

What could the RAP Tax funds be used for?

State law allows for the RAP Tax to fund a broad range of cultural, recreational, and zoological facilities, as well as cultural, zoological, and botanical organizations within Lehi City. The goal of the City is to identify areas in need of funding, such as soccer and baseball fields, as well as other parks, recreational facilities, and cultural projects and organizations that benefit Lehi City citizens.

Who decides what projects to fund with the proceeds of the RAP Tax?

The City Council makes the final decisions on which projects to fund. Potential projects will be considered annually as part of the City's regular budget process, which includes the opportunity for public review and comment.

How much funding is expected and how long will it be available?

The RAP Tax is estimated to make \$7-8 million over the 10 year period in which it would be authorized. After 10 years, the RAP Tax will be re-submitted to voters to decide on another 10-year term.

Who pays the tax?

Anyone who makes a qualifying point-of-sale purchase in Lehi pays the tax, regardless of their place of residency.

What other neighboring cities and counties have adopted a RAP Tax?

Neighboring cities that benefit from the RAP Tax include American Fork and Orem. Other cities, such as Provo, will have a RAP Tax option on the upcoming ballot. Salt Lake County has also enacted a RAP Tax for all cities within its jurisdiction. Many additional counties and cities around the state also benefit from RAP funds.

RAP TAX PUBLIC HEARING

What: The Lehi City Council will be holding a public hearing to receive comment on the proposed RAP Tax.

When: October 27, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Where: 153 North 100 East, Lehi, Utah